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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2671, Expedited Procedure**

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YUMIKO HIDAKA ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/615,780

Filed: July 13, 2000

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 9.

OK TO ENTER.  
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